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Professional After Effects Tools

Installation Guide

CEP Extensions for After Effects

● **STRUCT** — Workflow Suite

● **TextFlow Pro** — Text Styling Tools

● **ExpressionKit** — Expression Toolkit

Compatible with After Effects CC 2020 – 2025+

Windows 10/11 • macOS Monterey 12+

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METHOD 1

ZXP Installer (Recommended)

The easiest way to install CEP extensions. Works on both Windows and macOS.

1 Download ZXP Installer

Visit aescrits.com/learn/zxp-installer and download the free ZXP Installer app for your operating system.

2 Download the Extension

Download the .zxp file from your Gumroad purchase page or email receipt. Save it anywhere on your computer.

3 Install the Extension

Open ZXP Installer. Drag and drop the .zxp file onto the ZXP Installer window. It will install automatically.

4 Restart After Effects

Close and reopen After Effects completely.
Do not just close the project — restart the application.

5 Open the Extension Panel

Go to Window > Extensions and select the tool name (e.g. STRUCT, TextFlow Pro). The panel will appear.

TIP

If the extension doesn't appear in the menu, make sure you fully restarted After Effects (not just closed the project). On macOS, use Cmd+Q to force quit.

METHOD 2

Manual Installation

If ZXP Installer doesn't work, you can install manually by copying files.

1 Extract the Archive

Unzip the downloaded file. You should see a folder named after the extension (e.g. "com.ycraft.struct").

2 Open the Extensions Folder

Navigate to the CEP extensions directory for your OS:

Windows:

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C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Adobe\  
CEP\extensions\
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macOS:

```
/Library/Application Support/Adobe/CEP/  
extensions/
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3 Copy the Extension Folder

Copy the entire extension folder (e.g. "com.ycraft.struct") into the extensions directory. Keep the folder structure intact.

4 Enable Unsigned Extensions (if needed)

If the panel doesn't appear, you may need to enable loading of unsigned extensions. See instructions below.

Enable Debug Mode (unsigned extensions)

Windows: Open Registry Editor (regedit), navigate to:

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HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Adobe\CSXS.11
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TROUBLESHOOTING

Common Issues

Extension not showing in Window > Extensions

- Make sure you restarted After Effects completely (not just the project).
- Verify the extension files are in the correct CEP/extensions folder.
- Try enabling unsigned extensions via debug mode (see page 3).

Panel shows blank or white screen

- Close the panel, restart After Effects, and reopen.
- Check if your AE version is CC 2020 or later.
- Try reinstalling using ZXP Installer method.

Extension crashes or freezes

- Update After Effects to the latest version.
- Clear the CEP cache: delete the "cache" folder in CEP directory.
- Reinstall the extension after clearing cache.

"License key invalid" error

- Double-check the key from your Gumroad purchase email.
- Make sure there are no extra spaces before or after the key.
- Contact support if the issue persists.

LICENSE ACTIVATION

Activating Your License

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